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The New Christy Minstrels

In Concert At Ft. Devens



MG Denholm congratulates BG Keller at his retirement and awards ceremony on July 25. (Photo: SP4 Enoch Organ)

BG Keller Retires

On July 25, the Agency lost one of its most distinguished members to retirement. On that day, Major General Charles J. Denholm presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Brigadier General James H. Keller, Deputy Commanding General of USASA, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty. The ceremony was held in the War Room at Arlington Hall before the assembled heads of the various staff elements and other members of the command.

In the citation which accompanied the award BG Keller was praised for his "guidance in the development of plans, programs and procedures which assured the rapid progress in the electronic field so essential to the accomplishment of a mission of national and international interests. His qualities as a military leader assured the timely deployment of highly skilled personnel and sophisticated equipment of units throughout the world."

BG Keller's military career began in 1939 when he was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from West Point. Later positions included assignments at the Pentagon, in Germany and Panama, and as an instructor at West Point. His military schooling included courses at the Infantry School, the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College. BG Keller has received the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

BG Keller became the Deputy Commanding General of the Agency on August 1, 1967. His many accomplishments while in that position will be felt long after his departure. His record of service to ASA is a proud one.

OUR COVER—This month's cover shows the nine talented members of the New Christy Minstrels in concert at Ft. Devens, Mass. Proceeds from the performance went to the ASA Benefit Association. For a recount of the Minstrels memorable night at Ft. Devens see page 10.

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Brigadier General Fred W. Collins Named Deputy Commanding General

The new deputy commanding general of ASA is BG Fred W. Collins.

Brigadier General Fred W. Collins assumed his new position as deputy commanding general of USASA in August, replacing Brigadier General James H. Keller who retired.

BG Collins came to Arlington Hall Station from Headquarters, USASA Europe, where he served as Chief since January 1968.

The new deputy commanding general began his military career more than 20 years ago when commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the University of Georgia. Since then he has served in a variety of assignments including Chief of the National Security Agency in Europe and deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Training Center and Ft. Leonard Wood, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

BG Collins' decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, and Croix de Guerre Avec Etoile de Vermeil.



BG James H. Keller, former deputy commanding general of ASA, retired from the U.S. Army after 30 years of service.



CSM Charron (center), ISG Gaquin (left), and CSM Dials review the MP company during the ceremony at Arlington Hall Station.

"You are the Army's finest." So spoke the first Command Sergeant Major of USASA, Clifford L. Charron, before the 400 persons attending his award and retirement ceremony at FS Vint Hill Farms on July 24.

Led on the parade field by the Corps of Engineers Band, five Vint Hill companies honored the sergeant major as he received the Legion of Merit, presented by Major General Charles J. Denholm. In his presentation speech the general commented on the progress senior NCOs have made in recent years, particularly of the great strides they've made in the areas of responsibility and leadership. He further added, "CSM Charron contributed greatly to the advance."

In his acceptance speech the sergeant major paid tribute to his commander, officers, enlisted men and civilians for the beneficial role they had played in his more than 26 years of active duty.

His final words were, "This is my last formal formation, it has been an honor. Good-bye, good luck, God bless you—you are the finest!"

With the band playing the official Army song, "The Caisson Song," the five companies passed in review, paying honor to CSM Charron with "eyes right."

Two weeks earlier, at USASA Headquarters, Arlington Hall Station, Va., a formal change of command was enacted. Command Sergeant Major William C. Dials became the new command sergeant major of USASA. Master Sergeant Charles G. DeMoss, ODSCSEC, read the general orders signed by MG Denholm.

More than 200 persons watched as the Colors were passed from CSM Charron to MG Denholm and to CSM Dials, thus signifying the change of command.

The crowd watched as CSM Charron, CSM Dials and First Sergeant Joseph D. Gaquin of the MP Company marched briskly around the MP Company Color Guard and Cordon Group. This review signaled the end of the ceremony and for CSM Charron's more than three years as command sergeant major of the Agency.

CSM Charron Retires



CSM Charron addresses the crowd at FS Vint Hill Farms.



CSM Clifford L. Charron and his wife at the retirement parade.

ASA Presented DA Safety Award . . .

ASA was recently presented The Department of the Army Award of Merit for Safety—one of DA's highest safety awards.

LTG Albert O. Connor, Department of the Army, DCSPER, presented the award to MG Charles J. Denholm, commanding general, at Arlington Hall Station for the Agency's safety program during fiscal year 1968.

The award was based on an effective safety program including promotion, education, orientation and training aimed at a definite preventive effort toward the elimination or reduction of recognized accident-producing acts and conditions.

LTG Connor told MG Denholm

during the presentation that the safety award is "a compliment not only to your command but also to your personal leadership. No program within the Army achieves more than the safety program, not only in terms of the saving of dollars and cents, but also in terms of saving or preventing personal anguish."

The idea of the safety award was first started in 1950 because of a need for awareness and emphasis on the importance of a safety program.

Attending the Headquarters presentation were T. H. Wilkerson, Director of Safety, Department of the Army; BG James H. Keller, former deputy commanding general, USASA; COL Nicholas E. Sloan, USASA Chief of



LTG Connor presents the DA Award of Merit for Safety to MG Denholm.

Staff; COL Robert W. Lewis, assistant DCSPER; LTC John T. Norris, ODCSPER; and CPT Charles H. Smith III, ODCSPER.

... While 313th Wins Unit Citation



"Despite the adverse conditions inherent in the environment of the theater, the 313th Radio Research Battalion aggressively followed combat operations, from airmobile assaults in the coastal lowlands to intensified counteroffensive operations during the savage enemy attacks of the TET Offensive, in a never-ending search for information to rout the Communists from their havens."

During his recent visit to Southeast Asia, MG Charles J. Denholm, commanding general of ASA, presented the Meritorious Unit Citation to the 313th Radio Research Battalion at an awards ceremony in Nha Trang, Republic of Vietnam. The Battalion, including its assigned units, was cited for its achievements from June 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968.

Throughout this period, the battalion provided superior mission support to I Field Force Vietnam. The 313th participated in all major combat operations within their tactical area, giving immediate, accurate information to field commanders.

According to the citation, the members of the unit contributed in great measure to the mission of I Field Force Vietnam in its struggle against the hostile aggressor; their remarkable proficiency was cited as fully deserving of the Meritorious Unit Citation.

In his closing comments at the ceremony, MG Denholm commended all personnel of the 313th for their outstanding contribution to the overall military effort in Vietnam.

MG Denholm attaches the Meritorious Unit Citation Streamer —awarded to the 313th RR Bn—to a unit flag.



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

Change of Command at the 313th



In the recent change of command ceremony, LTC Andrew E. Little, left, accepts the colors and the command of the 313th Radio Research Battalion from LTC James F. Morris Jr., outgoing commander of the 313th.

MASSACHUSETTS

Fort Devens—Instructors at TC&S have found themselves recently beset by an "identity crisis"—that is, establishing the separate identities of a set of identical twins, Dennis and David Boman, 22-year-old PFCs from Independence, Mo., enrolled at the school.

Differences in academic performance have furnished little help to the confused instructors in this problem with David only slightly nudging out Dennis for the number one position in the class. Even the old be-all and end-all of identity-the service number—can provide little help if handled carelessly, for they read 68 039 833 and 68 039 844, respectively. Moreover, should the twins have their way about future assignments, little relief is to be expected. Hoping to serve together in Germany after the completion of school at Devens (and showing a wisdom beyond their tender years), both twins listed Chitose,

Japan, as their assignment preference.

Our Devens' reporter, however, in his never-failing effort to spread a little clarity in this world, was happy to offer a clue which will unravel the entire mystery of the Boman twins: David has a blue setting in his class ring, while Dennis' is red. Or was it the other way around?

Perhaps our readers will now appreciate the severity of the "identity crisis" recently experienced by instructors at TC&S. According to the most reliable information that we have on hand, PFC David Boman is on the left, PFC Dennis Boman on the right. (But we would not swear to it.)

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

403d RR SOD—It is doubtful that air lines will have to bend their baggage restrictions for the men of the 403d Radio Research Special Operations Detachment (Airborne), but the detachment has picked up a little extra "weight" during their stay in Vietnam—weight in the form of cast silver and bronze.

Since arriving in Vietnam in November of 1966, personnel of the 403d RR SOD, attached to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, have earned a total of 38 awards for valor including four Silver Stars, 20 Bronze Stars with "V" device and 14 Army Commendation Medals with "V" device. Also, 24 Purple Hearts have been received by members of this detachment.

PFC Frances L. McNeese was recently selected as Vint Hill Farms Station's "WAC of the Year." A 20-year-old DeWitt, Mo., native, she has been attached to the S-1 office at VHFS as a clerk-typist since February 1969.





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LTC Norman J. Bacon, CO of USASAFS, Taiwan, is shown with COL Arthur R. Datnoff, Chief of Staff, USAR, Taiwan, upon their arrival at the Christian Mountain Children's Home, Liu Kuei Village with the pigs to be donated to the orphanage. Rev. and Mrs. Yang Hsu, directors of the orphanage.

HAWAII

Helemano—BG George A. Godding, in a recent formal ceremony at the Helemano Military Reservation, turned over command of the U. S. Army Security Agency, Pacific, to COL Arthur W. Hackwood.

COL Hackwood, former DCSOPS at Arlington Hall Station, Virginia, received the colors from MG Roy Lassetter, Jr., Commanding General, USAR, Hawaii.

BG Godding, Chief of the Agency's Pacific theater since October 1967, is being reassigned as G-2 at Head-quarters, USAR Pacific, Ft. Shafter.

COL Arthur W. Hackwood, left, awaits the official colors of USASA, Pacific, from the outgoing chief, BG George A. Godding, right. MG Roy Lassetter, Jr., center, commanding general, USAR, Hawaii, assists in the traditional exchange.

TAIWAN

Shu Linkou—It was learned recently that members of USASAFS, Taiwan, are largely to be held responsible for the creation of a "pork barrel" on the island. Congressional investigation and condemnation is unlikely, and in any case, it may require some time for the full payoff of this project to be realized: after all, some time is required by nature to turn 10 small pigs into bona fide "porkers."

The 10 small pigs were part of a donation made by the field station operating in conjunction with U. S. Army Forces, Taiwan, to the Christian Mountain Children's Home, Liu Kuei Village, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. While providing the 32 children of the orphanage with new playmates, the pigs will be raised and bred to provide additional food and income for the three-year-old orphanage.

NORTH CAROLINA

Ft. Bragg—A total of 71 personnel from the 301st ASA Bn (Corps) took part in the joint armed services operation—code-named EXOTIC DANCER II—in Puerto Rico last summer. The operation was one of many being conducted by the U.S. throughout the world to test interservice coordination and readiness. More than 16,000 servicemen from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines participated in this training exercise, sponsored by the Navy's Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

The main body of the 301st personnel and equipment was deployed at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in support of the XVIII Airborne Corps. The supporting elements of the 301st, led by Bn commander, LTC Darrell R. Arena, jumped with some 900 paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division into the sugar cane fields near Nalinas, Puerto Rico.

This operation, however, found ASA men on both sides of the fence. Six Special Forces men from the 358th ASA Company donned green berets and joined up with the 7th Special Forces Group to roam the Puerto Rico countryside as guerrilla aggressors.





Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

BRIGADIER GENERAL: James H. Keller.

LEGION OF MERIT

BRIGADIER GENERAL: Fred W. Collins. (1).

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John M Carr (1), Robert C. McLees (1).

MAJOR: Darrell R. Large, Ira C. Owens.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Charles W. Narburgh.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Edward A. Rieman.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: James C. Burkhardt (1).

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Clifford L. Charron, Euleut L. Q. Rice. STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Robert J. Smith Jr., Robert L. Smith.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Robert H. Bye, Thomas E. Niemann. MAJOR: Robert W. Tinkle.

CAPTAIN: Charles H. Bergmann, Jr., Frederick H. Gesin.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Ralph L. Flecker.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Eugene C. Cram, Laudice D. Scrimpshire

SERGEANT MAJOR: William H. West.

MASTER SERGEANT: Wendell M. Nappier (1).

STAFF SERGEANT: Steve W. Clark, Watson Davidson, William J. Fisher, Thomas P. H. Focht, Louis M. Givens, Danny L. Goldman, David C. Hickerson, Lannis B. Jones, Marvin L. Knight, Robert E. Korner, Alvin Lipson, Benjamin Megahan, Leroy T. New, Conrad B. Peacock, Guy R. Place, Paul Prodoehl, George R. Shafer, Gerald H. Tschida.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Ralph H. Bradley, Eddie H. Hiett, James A. Presley, Joseph R. Ryan, Reginald C. Stubbs, John M. Van Heyningen.

SERGEANT: Owen Perkins, Thomas H. Worley.

SPECIALIST 5: John E. Bolduc, David L. Leigh, Glenn P. Missildine, Robert J. Pryor, David J. Samuelson. SPECIALIST 4: James O. Brown.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

COLONEL: Charles E. Erwin. LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Jack A. Dodds, Kenneth B. Parris, Franklin Wood.

MAJOR: Jimmy D. Akers, Rodney K. Roberts, Kenneth M. Urban.

CAPTAIN: James L. Gildersleeve. FIRST LIEUTENANT: Robert W. Cecil, Roger C. Ulsky.

CHIEF WARANT OFFICER 1: James C. Sutphin.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: James C. Anderson, Harold J. Coleman, Johnny M. Kelly, Allen C. McLean, William P. Prudhomme.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: David T. Smouse.

FIRST SERGEANT: Noah L. Beckner, Joseph P. Guerette.

MASTER SERGEANT: Carleton H. Mott, Orville S. Yager.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Alexander Jones Jr.

STAFF SERGEANT: James M. Geer, John J. Perkins, Richard G. Trimble, Charles A. Tyler, David P. Weaver.

AIR MEDAL

MAJOR: Ira C. Owens.
CAPTAIN: Charles H. Bergmann Jr.
SERGEANT MAJOR: William H.
West.

STAFF SERGEANT: David C. Hickerson, Larry Tafoya.

JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL

CAPTAIN: Arthur C. Shave. COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: William C. Dials. STAFF SERGEANT: Harry L. Hib-

bitts (1), Francis W. Smith.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

MAJOR: Curtis W. Denton, Richard Douma (1), Carlton R. Willis (2). CAPTAIN: Darold A. Dady (1), Barry M. DeBolt, Matthew DeVore, Russell V. Keadle, Robert D. Knapp (1), Michael J. Merlo. FIRST LIEUTENANT: Donald W.

DeGeorge, Richard D. Fretwell, John A. Galie, Curtis Lynch (1), Michael L. McCormick, Donald P. Truax.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: Peter A. Rogstad.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Donald J. Demchak, Mark H. Griddell, William E. Mayette Jr., Horace E. Wheeler.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Harold J. Coleman (4).

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Van E. Halbrooks (1), Richard O. Hillis (1).

SERGEANT MAJOR: Alan A. Brown (3), Paul J. Specht.

FIRST SERGEANT: Gordon E. Janssen (1).

MASTER SERGEANT: Francis C. Berthold, John R. Bradley (1), William J. Gilchrist (1), George R. Heussler (1), Karl M. Kerr (1), Richard F. Knox, Russell T. Larson, Ferdinand W. O'Donnell (1), Henry M. Proctor Jr., James W. Wadsworth.

SPECIALIST 7: Eugene J. McCormic.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: William W. Bacon, George R. Champoux (2), Harry L. Clisby, Dennis C. Cokenour, Donn A. Cook, Billy J. Evans, Clair B. Galbreath, John F. Greene (1), Allan E. Gilmore, Charles E. Grimm (2), Eddie H. Hiett, Roland G. Messier, Paul W. Miller (1), Billy J. Moore, Vernon C. Moore, Jessie B. Nicholson, Patrick E. Perkins, Rex L. Ripple, Charles A. St. Clair, Claud M. Sanford, Matthew A. Story, Jack H. Van Dyke, William E. Westfall, J. D. Wright, D. J. Wright. STAFF SERGEANT: Samuel H. Aba-

tayo, Theodore D. Apgar, John W. Austin, Joseph J. Broussard, Kenneth R. Chambers, Doyle W. Eyman, Edward J. Hembree, Stephen G. Howard, Calvin W. Huffine, Wallace Isaacs, William E. James, James H. Kelley, Robert E. Korner, Floyd H. Martell (1), Bert E. Martin, Dennis Mirabella, Raymond E. Palmer, Edward C. Renk, George E. Roe, Owen W. Rogers, Leo M. Sansoucy, Dennis J. Savage, Louis Sewell, Jerry M. Speers, Isaac G. Stone, Samuel D. Sutton, Francisco G. Travino, Michio D. Taniguchi, Glenn R. Watson.

SPECIALIST 6: Paul R. Colomb,

Wallace A. Daniels.

SERGEANT: Russell Adams Jr., Elvin E. Cornelison, James A. Credeur, Robert Lynch, Jerry Pate, Frederick R. Hill, Clifford A. Wareham.

SPECIALIST 5: David H. Bergeron, Edgar N. Canterbury, David Carr Jr., John E. Conrad, Donald A. Daily, Charles E. Downey, Arthur M. Dworken, Richard Early, Michael S. Greene, Willis N. Haley, John L. Hatton, Robert F. Hatton, George Laessig III, Dean A. Lapp, Walter L.

Lurz, Michael R. Molina, Michael F. Shuff, Wesley L. Skinner, Kenneth L. Smithman Jr., Robert C. Stillman Jr. SPECIALIST 4: George R. Brothers, Gary L. Brown, Robert W. Campbell, Walwyn E. Cooper, Harold L. Cusha II, William A. Ennis, Walter W. Estes, Gary B. Field, Richard D. Gross, Michael R. Lakin, Gary A. McConnaughey, James C. Scanlan, Curtis R. Simmonson, Robert C. Smith, Gene M. Stephens, Robert L. Stout, Robert N. Taylor.

PURPLE HEART

Robert R. Dimartino, William A. Foulkes.

PROMOTION

TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Richard Rubiolo.

TO SERGEANT MAJOR: David Eiler.

RETIREMENT

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Edward A. Riemen.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Robert L. Smith.

At USASA Det Alaska

St. Nick Helps Out Benefit Association

Last year the men of the USASA Detachment in Alaska, working on their off-duty hours, raised funds for the USASA Benefit Association by stamping hundreds of letters and Christmas cards with greetings from Santa Claus. The envelopes were forwarded to North Pole, Alaska, where they were postmarked and mailed. For this service, the men asked that contributions be enclosed. All money was then donated to the USASABA.

Publicity was a bit late last year, so response was correspondingly late. This year, however, the men are hoping to receive donations from hundreds of ASA personnel worldwide.

Here's all you do to get your Xmas cards and letters postmarked from the North Pole with Santa's greetings. Simply send them addressed with postage attached in a large envelope or package to the detachment. Enclose a contribution and the men of the detachment will promptly stamp a greeting and send them on to North Pole, Alaska to be post marked. The address of the Detachment is:

COMMANDING OFFICER USASA Detachment, USARAL ATTN: IAALN-OSC APO Seattle 98749

If you are late in sending your cards, air mail them to insure timely delivery. Surface mail from Alaska takes several weeks.

The men look forward to providing this service and hope this year, all ASA personnel worldwide will participate. You will be helping yourself and your family by availing yourself of this service since the USASABA is for your benefit. Merry Christmas.



The North Pole postmark and a smiling Santa Claus brighten up Christmas cards and letters sent to the detachment.



North Pole, Alaska 99705



SP5 Gene R. Miller of the detachment stamps Santa's greetings on a Christmas card envelope.



The New Christy Minstrels captivate the audience with their four encores of "Michael Rowed the Boat Ashore."

The Minstrels Storm Devens

On July 24th at Ft. Devens, a combination of professional entertainers, enthusiastic military helpers, and a group of 3500 happy people combined to produce one of the most memorable nights in the history of Ft. Devens and the USASA Training Center and School.

The professional entertainers were the New Christy Minstrels, a folk group with nine members whose hearts and voices are as large as the audiences they draw in colleges and other concerts in this country and overseas. The enthusiastic military helpers were the many USASA personnel at Ft.



Some of the more than 3500 military and civilian personnel await the appearance of the New Christy Minstrels for their performance at Ft. Devens.

Devens who made the arrangements for the concert and did the actual work. The final ingredient was the audience, 3500 strong and composed of soldiers from Ft. Devens and the Training Regiment, and also of civilians from the surrounding area who recognized a good thing when they saw it.

The occasion that brought these many people together, was the first USASA Benefit Association fundraising concert, and it was an unqualified success. Not only in its avowed purpose—to raise money for the USASA Benefit Association—but also in its effect on the morale and enjoyment of the people who attended.

The evening began with the seating of the honored guests from Ft. Devens. Colonel Robert DesJarlais, commandant of the TC&S, and his wife acted as hosts for: Brigadier General and Mrs. John Cushman, commanding general of Ft. Devens; Colonel and Mrs. Donahue, Chief of Staff of Ft.

Devens; and Colonel and Mrs. Ralph Bergman, assistant commandant of the TC&S. Command Sergeant Major William C. Dials was present, representing Major General Charles Denholm, who was unable to attend the concert.

CSM Dials opened the performance by reading a message of greeting from MG Denholm. In the message, ASA's commanding general commented on the value of a positive approach to entertainment. He praised the New Christy Minstrels as a fine example of a group with such a positive approach. CSM Dials then introduced the group.

True to their past performances, the New Christy Minstrels immediately caught the interest and enthusiasm of the crowd with their first number, "Saturday Night." From that time on there was no stopping them, and the audience loved it. Before they were finally allowed to finish, they had sung four encores of "Michael Rowed the Boat Ashore," and the audience called for a total of three entire versions of the Minstrels' "Green, Green."

Along with all of their old hits, the New Christy Minstrels also introduced a new song at the USASA concert. They premiered the theme song from a new movie titled "Run Free, Run Wild."

To polish off a perfect performance, the Minstrels sang a moving rendition of "This Land Is Your Land," which they dedicated to USASA soldiers who have died in combat. At the conclusion of the song they held up cards which spelled USASABA, the abbreviation for the United States Army Security Agency Benefit Association.

When the last encore had been sung and the audience finally started to file out of the converted hangar which had served as an auditorium, it was 45 minutes past the scheduled length of the performance. And even then the singers continued to entertain the soldiers, this time informally. Gathering a large group around them, they sang more songs and joked with the soldiers in the parking lot.

According to Bob Drew, the group's manager, the New Christy Minstrels could have "kept singing all night." He said this audience was one of the greatest they had ever played to.

Even though the biggest share of credit for the success of the evening has to go to the New Christy Minstrels and the spontaneous enthusiasm



The New Christy Minstrels arrive at Ft. Devens to perform a benefit show for the USASA Benefit Association.

their singing generates, a sizable share must also go to the soldiers from the USASA TC&S and the other interested individuals who made the preparations for the concert and laid the groundwork for a smooth performance.

Overall project officer was Lieutenant Colonel Howard Englesby, CO of the training Regiment. Master Sergeant Don Willoughby of Vint Hill Farms was the official escort for the Minstrels and insured that their needs were met during the period they were at Ft. Devens. Specialists 5 Tom Tominson and James Switzer, also of Vint Hill Farms, were technical advisors in sound and lighting, and First Lieutenants Stephen Herman, Wilmer Lochrie and Robert Webster, Ft. Devens, were in charge of seating accommodations, stage facilities and ticket promotion.

Technical director for the show was Mr. Cory Wayne, staff entertainment director for the First Army from Ft. Meade. His staff included: Specialists 5 Charles Brindle, John Weiss and Doc Williams, and Specialist 4 Karl Kushi, carpenter.

Captain Lee Mimms, formerly of USASA and now with the Military District of Washington AG staff, produced and directed the show. First Sergeant Henry Quillan, Ft. Devens, was the overall coordinator of manpower.

The degree of success of the show was brought home vividly on July 30, when Command Sergeant Major Anthony J. Cincotta, TC&S, presented MG Denholm with a check for more than \$3600 for the benefit Association.

For those Agency personnel who feel cheated because they weren't close enough to Ft. Devens to attend this concert take heart. More programs are planned.

The next big event is set for November 8 with Victor Borge, comedian-pianist appearing at the Ft. Myer gymnasium in Arlington, Va. For serious music lovers, Mr. Borge, accompanied by the U.S. Army Concert Orchestra, will devote 30 minutes to concert music.

From all indications, tickets will go fast. The October issue will contain details regarding time and tickets so you can make your plans early.

SPOTLIGHT News from USASA Headquarters

ODCSPER

- □ New Officer Undergraduate Degree Program—Young career-oriented officers may now attend an accredited college or university for up to two years while on active duty to complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Selected officers, who will receive full pay and allowances while attending school, must:
- Have not less than two years and not more than seven years active commissioned service at the time they enter college. In addition they must be Regular Army or in a Voluntary Indefinite category.
- Be able to attain a degree in two years or less. Also, an individual's field of study must generally relate to branch associated duties.
- Accept an additional active duty commitment of two years service for each year, or fraction thereof, of college. The minimum obligation is three years.
- Agree to return to school and to bear all college expenses, such as tuition, fees, textbooks, supplies and the like.

OPO career branches will invite individual officers to participate. However, eligible officers may request consideration by writing his OPO branch.

□ E8 Primary Zone Expanded—Consideration for E8 promotions has been expanded to include all serving E7s with 25 or more years' service for pay—at least 15 of which must be active as of December 31, 1968. The board will consider all individuals in this category for promotion to master sergeant without regard to time-in-grade.

Otherwise, previously announced eligibility criteria remain in effect. The purpose of the change is to permit consideration of those E7s who have had a great deal more service than prescribed for the original primary zone but who do not meet the time-in-grade requirement because they may not have had an opportunity to have been promoted at reasonable points in their careers.

☐ Army Community Service—Would you believe that the Army Community Service (ACS) has helped more than 20,000 families in relocation and moving problems during the past four years? Many of these 20,000 families were families of soldiers on unaccompanied overseas tours who needed assistance in the absence of their sponsors.

This is but one of many areas in which the ACS worldwide network of 180 centers and contact points can assist you. AR 608-1 and DA Command Information Fact sheet No. 131, dated April 28, 1969, provide additional details.

The following deadlines for sending mail overseas have been set: regular mail over five pounds—November 8; space available mail (SAM), cards and letters, November 29; regular air mail of all weights—December 13. All mail must have the five-digit APO Numbers.

ODCSFOR

☐ Headquarters Hosts Four-Nation EW Meeting—ASA Headquarters and the Army Garrison at Arlington Hall Station were host in July for the first meeting of the Quadripartite Working Group for Electronic Warfare Equipment. This working group is one of many operating as part of the standardization program among the American, British, Canadian, and Australian (ABCA) Armies.

The visiting delegations included COL O. J. Peck, MAJs J. A. King and R. K. Nice from the United Kingdom; MAJs J. P. Bradley, E. M. MacLeod, W. C. Wallace and S. D. Werry from Canada; and LTCs R. A. Clark, and K. G. Hill, and MAJ C. J. Cattanach from Australia.

The United States delegation included representatives from the JCS Joint Staff, the DA Staff, the Combat Developments Command, the Army Materiel Command, and the Continental Army Command, as well as USASA Headquarters, Combat Developments Activity, and Training Center and School.

While the DCSFOR had responsibility for organizing the meeting, other elements were also involved. The Command Information Division of the ODCSOPS provided audio-visual and conference room support while the ODCSSEC handled the security aspects of the meeting. The Combat Developments Activity provided briefers and topic panel spokesmen. The Army Garrison took care of other support requirements such as transportation, billeting and photo coverage.

All the delegations agreed that the conference was a successful and informative one. Next year's meeting is scheduled for the United Kingdom.



The Quadripartite Working Group on Electronic Warfare met recently for the first time at Arlington Hall Station. COL Melvin M. Lawson, front row center, commanding officer of the Combat Developments Activity, served as chairman of the Group.

Annual ASA Picnic Held At Vint Hill Farms

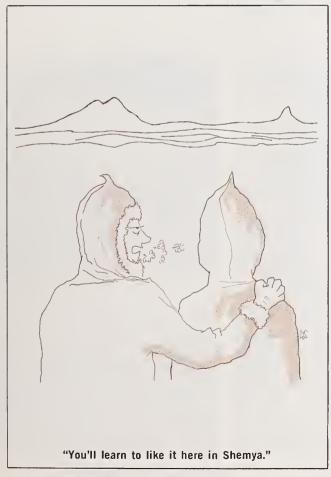
Vint Hill Farms was the scene of the annual ASA Picnic in mid-August. About 1,800 people attended the event which, in addition to a lot of good food, included several displays and game booths. Though the morning was overcast, the sun streamed through the clouds at noon.

The traditional picnic had a good turnout considering publicity was on a short-notice basis.

Many ASA people contributed long, hard hours in constructing displays, providing entertainment and assisting with the activities throughout the day. These efforts were much appreciated by the people who delighted in patronizing the activities.

One of the winners at the picnic was the USASA Benefit Association—\$1044.87 was raised for the Association from the day's proceeds. The ASA Picnic Committee presented the check to Major General Charles J. Denholm a few days after the event.

The spirit of the Agency was everywhere as people renewed many old friendships and established new ones. The gathering of these dedicated, close knit, professionals to enjoy themselves proves once again that "ASA takes care of its own."



USASA Celebrates September Birthday

The U.S. Army Security Agency is 24 years old this month. The birthday celebration is on unit day, Sept. 15.

Back in 1945 when the Agency was founded on the site of a girls college in Arlington, Va., its operations were limited. Since then, ASA has grown into a round-the-world-round-the-clock activity, performing a mission essential to our country's defense.

Birthdays are a good time to evaluate the year that has passed and by any measure applied ASA's 23d year was a successful one.

Operationally, the command continuously demonstrated that where there is a difficult job to do ASA will not only do it but do it first-rate. Apparently the National Security Agency concurs; last October NSA awarded the coveted Travis Trophy—the highest award in the tri-service cryptologic community—to the 509th Radio Research Group.

The prime importance of the operational mission was reiterated at this year's Commanders-Command Sergeants Major conference in the official theme of the gathering: "The accomplishment of our operational mission is the sole reason of the existence of the command; daily satisfaction of the operational mission is paramount."

There were several other indications that the Agency's 23d year was a prosperous one.

Through the generosity of members of the command and a recognition of mutual dependence, the treasury of ASA's Benefit Association swelled to nearly \$100,000. This association, designed to provide educational grants and immediate financial assistance to the next of kin of Agency men who die on active duty, is now progressing encouragingly.

In this 23d year of existence the NCO Memorial was dedicated at Headquarters in memory of those ASA soldiers who had died in combat. There was a new distinctive insignia for epaulet and headgear wear designed during the past year, too. It is authorized for Headquarters and all subordinate units that do not already have their own insignia.

There were, of course, many personnel changes throughout the command. Two of special note were BG Fred W. Collins appointment to deputy commanding general succeeding BG James H. Keller who retired and CSM William C. Dials' appointment to ASA's command sergeant major succeeding CSM Clifford L. Charron.

In all, the 23d year was a good one and one the Agency can be justly proud.

What lies ahead in the 24th year? Crystal ball gazing can be risky but one thing seems certain: there will be many challenges and opportunities to everyone within the Agency—a chance to exhibit the professionalism and competence that has been ASA's long-standing trademark.



The Second Division Ethiopian Band helps the Americans at Kagnew celebrate Independence Day.

by SP5 Ken Gadbois Contributing Editor Kagnew Gazelle

More than 1,500 persons of the Kagnew community attended the day-long festivities honoring the 193d anniversary of American Independence, July Fourth. The program of sports, camel rides, games and demonstrations went off with remarkable precision as the crowds reflected their appreciation with rounds of laughter and applause.

Highlight of the morning's parade, which started the activities, was a rare appearance of the Imperial Ethiopian Second Division Band. The Band demonstrated their competence as a marching and playing unit. In addition to the parade, the Second Division Band presented an evening concert, thus helping to improve the Ethiopian-American relations.

More than 15 units participated in the parade, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, the "Old Car Club," the Asmara American Saddle Club and others. Crowds lined the parade route which circled from Marshall Field around the Post Headquarters and returned to Marshall Field.

At noon, the traditional 50-gun salute to the Union sounded with honors rendered by all. The cannon accolade signaled the start of festivities.

A hilarious donkey baseball game saw the Kagnew Officers herd the NCOs to a 3-1 defeat. A mid-game decision to allow the third base coaches to help the runner (rider) bring his animal across the plate helped the scoring considerably.

Following the ballgame, the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club presented a driving-skills demonstration. A series of obstacles were negotiated, followed by a motorcycle "jumping" demonstration. Club president Benny Bowers, on the first jump, dropped his cycle nose first onto the field and although he managed to drive off, the cycle was sidelined with a broken front brake drum.

Showing the coordination of cyc-







Photographer Gerald E. Hardemon timed his shutter release just right to catch the smoke coming from the cannon, right in the 50-gun Independence Day salute. Below, the Dependent School Majorettes demonstrate their skill to the parade viewers.

Photos by SSG Gerald E. Hardemon

lists, the remaining Knights went over a teeter-totter on their bikes and within 20 feet picked up lances with which to break water-filled balloons dangling from an arch on the obstacle course.

Not only did the crowd find the

Donkey baseball, opposite page is an exacting sport: it takes skill, courage and a carrot on a stick. Right, "How do you get down off a camel?"

demonstration exciting and entertaining but the Knights earned considerable respect for their competence, skill and safety consciousness.

Military precision and drill skill were demonstrated by the Army and Navy drill teams. The Agency's Kagnew Honor Guard performed some fancy and intricate maneuvers. Under the direction of platoon guide John Narcise, the guard presented in-movement squad drills, including the complicated "Circle Exchange" of weapons.

The Navy unit, outfitted in formal attire with white spats and chrome bayonets, showed that they knew what the landlubber's art of drill and ceremony was all about. Their unique turn and cornering movements, reverse marches and separate-rejoin movements won enthusiastic plaudits from the spectators.

Throughout the day the refreshment stands, carnival attractions, games of skill, and other activities flourished. There was also a street dance and square dance demonstration held at night.

Among the guests at the celebration were several Ethiopian dignitaries, including His Highness Ras Asrate Kassa, Governor General of Eritrea. Additionally, more than 200 representatives of the Ethiopian, Italian, Greek, British and American communities in Asmara were in attendance.

A fireworks display, conducted by Kagnew's Special Services, sent volley after volley of pyrotechnic skybursts into the African night drawing the proverbial "oohs" and "aaahs" from the crowd.

Everyone at the Kagnew Independence Day celebration seemed to have a thoroughly enjoyable time. Next July Fourth is only a few short months away.



R AND R REPORT



USASA sports, recreation and entertainment

DONKEY BASEBALL

Ethiopia—In THE HALLMARK'S never-stinting effort to cover the bizare, the absurd and the esoteric, we of the staff are happy to extend our R&R coverage to that bizarre, absurd and esoteric sport of donkey baseball, as practiced by the men of Kagnew Station recently.

Billed as the star attraction during the Station's day-long Fourth of July celebration, the donkey baseball game saw the officers take the measure of the NCOs to the tune of 3-1. The success of the officers was in large measure due to the single-handed efforts of MAJ Ken Urban, Chief of Medicine at the Station. MAJ Urban's daring base-running—on one occasion practically carrying his balky mount bodily from third to home—will live long in the memories of Kagnew's sports-minded.



MAJ Ken Urban is deposited "safe and sound" at home plate by his less than trusty steed during the recent donkey baseball game staged at Kagnew Station. MAJ Urban's daring "base-running" was partially responsible for the officers' victory over the NCOs in the Fourth of July clash.



SP5 Arthur Ron Reed of the Berlin Field Station strides off the fourth green of the Berlin G&CC, the winner of the ASA Europe's 1969 Chiefs' Tournament in an unprecedented threeway play-off. Herzo Base captured the team title with Berlin finishing a close second.

THAI BOXING

Tokyo—Few Americans have ever seen a Thai (or kick) boxing match; most of those who have have expressed little desire to participate in the sport. SP4 Tommy Emmons, however, has left the faint-hearted at home and in so doing, has provided them with some exciting entertainment over the Japanese commercial television networks: Emmons, the first American in Tokyo to engage in Thai boxing, has been seen regularly in televised matches.

SP4 Emmons, a Tulsa, Okla., native, became a karate advocate while in college. His assignment to the USASA Comm Unit, Japan, in January of 1968 allowed him to further this study, earning in 17 short months his Shodan, first degree black belt, and the honor of becoming the first American to receive his black belt from the exclusive Kyokushinkai Karate Do.

Inasmuch as he is the first in the unit to engage in the sport, Emmons is quite the talk of the Japanese sports crowd. With one win and one loss thus far, both by knockouts, Tom hopes for a third bout before leaving Japan this fall. With his ETS scheduled for this fall and a subsequent return to school at Oklahoma State University, SP4 Emmons hopes to provide himself with suitable opponents in the sport by teaching his hobby at the university.

SOFTBALL

Thailand—The Ramasun Cobras, representing the 7th RRFS, captured first place in the All Thailand Softball Championship Tournament, held at Camp Friendship in early June.

The Cobras defeated the Korat Cougars 3-1 in their opener, downed the Bangkok Bears 4-2 in their second, and wrapped up the championship by defeating Bangkok again in a whirlwind finish, 10-9. Glen Reed proved to be the workhorse for the Cobras, being the winning pitcher in all three games. For his outstanding effort in the tournament, Reed received the Outstanding Sportsman Award.

Reed and four other Cobras were selected to represent Thailand in the USAR Pacific Tournament, also held at Camp Friendship in early July. Joining Reed are Tom Crocker, Harry Pomeroy, Kito Leal, and Lou Merlini. Ralph Dewey was selected as a coach for the All Stars.

Tokyo—The Camp Drake All Stars, led by a six-man contingent from USASA Comm Unit, Japan, went undefeated en route to the title in the USAR Japan Tournament held recently at Camp Zama. Representing USASACUJ on the All Stars were CW4 David L. Lang, CW2 Elmer K. Miller, SP4 Douglas Oliver, SP4 Roy P. Campbell, SP4 Marlin Smith and PFC Tommy Little.



SSG Glen Reed, right, is shown presenting the All-Thailand Softball Championship trophy to MAJ Israel E. Height, commanding officer of the 7th RRFS, as members of the winning team look on.

SOFTBALL

Virginia—No athletic scouts have been seen as yet hanging around the athletic field of Vint Hill Farms, but that could be just around the corner if the Operations Company Roadrunners continue their torrid pace. The Roadrunners managed to post a 60-7 composite record in the four major sports on their way to capturing the 1968-1969 crowns in softball, football, basketball and volleyball competitions.

No relief is in sight for the Roadrunners' beleaguered opposition, as they have started off this sports year with a 10-1 record in softball. In addition, Ops Co took both the singles

and doubles championship in tennis in June, as well as being named the best marching unit in the June Awards and Retirements Ceremony. A tough act to follow.

Tokyo — With shades of Sonny Liston's baleful stare, SP4 Tommy Emmons is shown, left, awaiting the opening bell of a recently televised match. Emmons of the USASA Comm Unit, Japan, currently boasts of a 1-1 record on the Tokyo-Thai boxing circuit.

HIKING

California—Fred Allen was once reported to have said, "California is a great place to live—if you're an orange." On the other hand the California Chamber of Commerce points to this almost unbroken stint of sunshine as a great virtue. THE HALLMARK refuses to take sides in this argument, although we are somewhat chagrined to report that it appears that the cosmopolitan inhabitants of Two Rock Ranch have perhaps fallen prey to too much sun.

The occasion for this somewhat embarrassing admission is the 16-mile Walkathon staged recently from Petaluma to Sonoma, which found four members of Trick Two—Max Detwiler, Pete Janhunen, Larry Deems and Ora Smith—as contestants.

While the event might have been madness, these ASA stalwarts managed to excel. Trick Two captured first in the military category, with Deems, Detwiler and Smith capturing second, third and fourth in the individual military competition.

Tactics reflected both brilliance and madness. Ora Smith, for example, decided to take on the 16 miles of hot California countryside in low quarters. It is reported that Smith will know better next time (although bets are also being taken that there will never be a "next time" for him). Foresight, however, was shown in the contestants sending SSG Ned Moser ahead to Sonoma with refreshments and an Army bus, complete with plenty of extra room to rest tired, aching feet on the way back.

Cycling in Chitose

by SP5 W. Norris Jr. Information Specialist The Chitose Courier

The Chitose International Motorcycle and Karting Club (CIMKC) located near ASA's Kuma Station in Chitose, Japan, has sponsored several races recently that have attracted some topnotch competition from the Agency field station.

The club's speed track is about twothirds of a mile long with eight treacherous turns in the circuit. Throughout the summer many Japanese racing teams, sponsored by motorcycle factories and shops, bring fast-paced action to the clay track.

In the latest CIMKC speed competition, several Kuma Station riders made respectable showings. Competing against veteran Japanese riders in the Open Class, SP5 D. L. Johnson won second place in a close finish, while SP4 Bruce Reibly rode to a third place victory, and SP5 Tim Fitzgerald came across in fourth.

In the 250cc Class, SP6 Fred Boxberger took fourth place and SP4 Reibly was right behind to capture fifth. The Kuma Station entries competed only in the Open and 250cc Classes though competition was also held in the 50cc, 90cc, and 150cc categories.

During the summer, the CIMKC also held an "Enduro" race for American riders only. The 6½-mile "Enduro" course was designed by members of CIMKC through deep mud, steep hills, and rough terrains.

The race started at the CIMKC Club House next to the speed track and ran through the logging roads in the "boonies" and some places where even animals fear to tread.

Many of the bikes couldn't take the punishment of the course and had to drop out. Others, well, they just couldn't make some of the turns and hills and were "dropped out."



Cyclists turn one of the tight corners in a close race at the CIMKC speed track.

"Terrible Test": The Cyclist's Challenge

Before you can zip your motorcycle around the streets and "boonies" of Japan, you have to have a license; and before you get a license, you must take the "Terrible Test."

Supervised by the Chitose International Motorcycle and Karting Club and the Kuma Station MPs, the test includes 14 tricky problems with the emphasis on balance and control.

Three of the problems are mandatory, the emergency stop, the front wheel stop, and the road stop. The other 11 are not mandatory but offer a more precise indication of an applicant's degree of competence. They are the ramp and tip over; gravel road; corduroy road; angle logs; hill stop and ditch, slalom; small Figure 8 (two hands); large Figure 8 (one hand); outside road; jump and rear wheel lock and road test.

If you successfully pass this exam and get your license, there's only one more test to go—the road test against Japanese drivers.



The "Terrible Test" is a tough one.

A rider can begin an event like the



slatom, right, easily enough, only to end up sliding in the mud.

As I See It

By William C. Dials
Command
Sergeant Major



Recently several related events brought home to me the importance of our combined efforts on behalf of the ASA Benefit Association.

One evening last July I attended a concert at Ft. Devens by the New Christy Minstrels held by the Training Center and School to raise money for the ASA Benefit Association.

The New Christy Minstrels Show was met with overwhelming enthusiasm by everyone. The overflow audience was captivated by the dynamic and personable singing group in a night that Ft. Devens will long remember. That night might well be called "The Coming of the Minstrels."

It was a great evening in several respects: first, because the audience was treated to a wonderful performance and second because the ticket sales permitted the benefit association to take a giant step forward.

The following day I witnessed firsthand one of the things the association was accomplishing.

I traveled from Ft. Devens to Grahm Junior College in Boston to present a \$1,000-check to the school's president, Mr. Milton L. Grahm. That check represented the initial grant to a beneficiary of the ASA Benefit Association, the son of one of our deceased Agency men who died on active duty.

When I visited Grahm Junior Col-

lege I felt a special awareness into the significance of the Benefit Association. In "taking care of our own" we are also encouraging the pursuit of higher education and the benefits and responsibilities attached with this.

As the New Christy Minstrels romped through their songs on that July evening a young man was embarking on his academic career.

Every person at the concert was helping make the ASA Benefit Association grow and helping the people who were benefiting from the association grow too—like that young man entering Grahm Junior College.



Benefit Association

By COL Carl E. Winkler USASA Staff Judge Advocate

In the process of updating your Last Will and Testament you may desire to make a bequest to the Army Security Agency Benefit Association, an unincorporated association.

The purpose of the Benefit Association is to provide specific financial assistance to dependents or specified next of kin of military personnel who are killed, disabled or die while on active duty with ASA or die as a result of injuries or wounds received or disease contracted while on active duty with the Agency. It was organized in October 1967 and to date has paid out \$18,500 to eligible beneficiaries.

A few states have restrictions on leaving money by bequests to unincorporated associations. New York state law prohibits an unincorporated association from taking any gift under provisions of a will. Florida law permits such a gift if the will was executed at least six months before death and the gift does not amount to more than one-third of the estate.

California law permits such a gift if the will was executed at least 30

days before death and the gift does not amount to more than one-third of the estate. And Iowa permits such a gift if it does not constitute more than one-fourth of the estate.

The law of your domicile or legal residence for estate purposes governs in such a matter. You should always consult your private attorney or your Legal Assistance Officer before executing a will or making any change to it.

A suggested form for making the bequest is:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Governors of the United States Army Security Agency Benefit Association, Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, Virginia 22212, the sum of to be used by them in any way they see fit to further the stated objectives of the Association."

Project "Bootstrap"

Since 1956, more than 5,000 Army commissioned and warrant officers have used the Degree Completion Program, better known as 'Bootstrap,' to finish work for their college degrees. Participation has increased steadily each year with about 1,000 officers expected to take advantage of this program in 1970.

Selected officers are authorized to attend a college or university of their choice full time for up to 12 months to complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Candidates for a masters or doctors degree also may participate for up to one semester (or two quarters) and a summer session.

While in college, the student officer is in a permissive TDY status and receives normal pay and allowances. He agrees, however, to shoulder all expenses associated with the schooling and incurs a two-year-service obligation upon completion of his collegiate studies.

Program participants with at least two years active duty are, incidentally, eligible for GI Bill benefits. Each career branch receives an annual quota and administers the program for its own officers. Selections are on a best qualified basis.

Any interested individual can assess his chances for selection by referring to the prerequisites outlined in AR 621-5 or writing his career branch.

